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# ALUMNI AND EX-STUDENT ASSOCIATION HARDING COLLEGE

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July 8, 1947

Dear Fellow Alumni:

At the spring meeting of the Alumni Association, Robert B. Hawkins, Greenville, Miss., moved that the alumni, as a gesture of appreciation for his wonderful service to all of us, hang a picture of Bro. B. F. Rhodes along with those of brethren Harding, Lipscomb and Armstrong in some appropriate place. The motion was unanimously passed by those present and president Ganus asked me to arrange the details.

Sister Rhodes has granted her permission that this be done. I asked her to choose the picture she thought best, and the one that appeared in the 1945 yearbook was selected.

President Benson has expressed on behalf of the school his gratitude for this token of honor to be bestowed upon one who so richly deserved it.

Mr. O. N. Hogue, Little Rock photographer, has been asked to do the work. In a letter from him, July 1st, he states "the cost on the picture only would be about \$35 plain". He did not make a price on the frame, but perhaps \$50 would cover the entire cost.

The only thing that remains is for all of us to send to our secretary-treasurer, Annie Mae Alston, Searcy, or to me whatever we would like to give. If you are in a district where there is an alumni chapter, why not make as one of your 1947 projects, a donation to this picture fund? If there is no chapter active in your locale, send in your gift individually.

We are asking you to give at least 50¢ per individual; more, of course, is acceptable. (We promise if you over subscribe Annie Mae and I shall not spend it.) We are asking you to give immediately so we can go forward with this work. Surely there is not a one of us who does not want to have some part in honoring a man who made Harding College one of the most pleasant memories a man ever had.

We shall do our best to keep you informed of the progress of this work via this bulletin. If there are any questions or any suggestions that anyone has, we shall appreciate hearing from you.

Respectfully yours,

*Jim Bill McIntyre*  
Franklin, Kentucky  
Route 2

## Benjamin Franklin Rhodes

1869-1947



B. F. Rhodes

Harding alumni met this commencement to pay their last respects to B. F. Rhodes instead of being greeted by their beloved teacher and friend. Funeral services were held in the college auditorium at 3:30 p. m. on May 28. More than 40 years of service to Christian education had been given by Brother Rhodes.

Brother Rhodes had a stroke early on Friday morning, May 23. A few hours later he lost consciousness and remained unconscious until death late

in the afternoon the following Tuesday, May 27. While still conscious he retained his keen wit and cheerful outlook on life, and it was the belief of the doctors that he suffered no pain.

The impressive funeral service was conducted by fellow-teachers who had been associated with Brother Rhodes for many years. After a short prayer by Dean L. C. Sears, Prof. S. A. Bell spoke concerning the life and character of Brother Rhodes. Dr. George S. Benson then paid tribute to the outstanding service he had rendered and Prof. L. E. Pryor worded a closing prayer.

A chorus of students and alumni sang "Come Ye Disconsolate", "In the Cross of Christ I Glory", and "Here, O My Lord". John Mason sang "Abide With Me" while the group hummed, and the college men's quartet sang "At Eventide".

Pallbearers were Dr. E. R. Stapleton, Dr. Joseph E. Pryor, Dr. Jack Wood Sears, Dr. James D. Bales, Neil B. Cope, and Robert Hawkins. Ushers were Leslie Burk, Clifton Ganus, Jr., and John Lee Dykes.

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Bro. Rhodes was a lover of young people and took an interest in their activities. He enjoyed sports and was present at almost every softball game. The following is a characteristic pose as he watches his son, Frank, come to bat.



## Retires as Dean of Women, Remains as Special Instructor

By Mrs. Joseph E. Pryor, '46



Mrs. Florence M. Cathcart

When Harding alumni begin reminiscing about their college days, one of the personalities that stands out as an embodiment of the ideals of Harding is Florence M. Cathcart. Having been active in many of the literary and academic groups, Mrs. Cathcart has contributed much to the spirit of Harding.

All alumni remember Mrs. Cathcart for her superior ability to teach children, especially those who are just starting to school. Alumni cannot think of their alma mater without recalling that their school song was written by Mrs. Cathcart. Then all alumnae of the past decade will remember Mrs. Cathcart as their "mother" at Harding.

At the close of the present summer session, Mrs. Cathcart is retiring from her duties as Dean of Women, a position she has held since

1938. During these years, as well as all of her life, she has been instilling true Christian principals into the hearts of young women. Mrs. Cathcart instituted vesper services for the girls during her second year as Dean of Women.

Mrs. Cathcart's retirement as Dean of Women does not sever her connection with Harding College. She is being retained to teach college classes in primary education and remedial reading in the grade school. Mrs. Cathcart is recognized as an outstanding teacher of primary children.

Kansas claims Mrs. Cathcart as a daughter. Her grammar and high school work was done at Harper, Kansas, and soon after graduating from high school, she accepted a teaching position in western Kansas. Later she moved to Winfield, Kansas, where she did special work in music and took part in the 300-voice chorus at Southwest College. Although still teaching, she was a member of the Apollo Club and the Rossitti Club--the former a musical organization while the latter was literary.

Her next teaching position was at Mulvane, Kansas. Here she conducted a ladies' Bible class and was a member of the Mulvane Woman's Club. During World War I she worked 1000 hours in government work. She studied "Surgical Dressing" and "Home Care of the Sick" and later taught these courses to 150 students at the Teachers Institute of Eureka, Kansas.

Mrs. Cathcart joined the staff of Harding College at Morrilton in 1924. She taught in the primary department, was active in chorus work and gave special emphasis to public school

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## ALMA MATER

"Dedicated to those who love Harding College"

Mrs. Florence M. Cathcart

Lloyd O. Sanderson

*Spiritoso*

1. Near the foot-hills of the Oz - arks, Midst of hill and plain;  
2. Chris - tian stand - ard is her mot - to; Chris - tian life is stressed;  
3. Hard - ing o - pens wide her por - tals, Thus in - vit - ing all

*rit.*

Stands our glo - ri - ous Al - ma Ma - ter; Hard - ing is her name.  
And in ev - 'ry branch of learn - ing, Each one does his best.  
Who would tread the path to knowl - edge; Heed then to her call.

*REFRAIN. Vigoroso*

Sing the cho - rus! shout it loud - ly! Ech - o - ing thro' the vale.

Hail to thee, be - lov - ed Hard - ing! Al - ma Ma - ter, Hail!



Mrs. Jess J. Ross (formerly Ellen Spears, Ex-'39) is teaching home economics in Lynn, Arka

Mrs. Grace Eddy (formerly Grace Christopher, Ex from Harper College) is teaching in the Kenton, Oklahoma, high school. She has a daughter, Patricia Diane Lee, 7.

## Stevens Wins Award

Clark Stevens, senior and veteran from Batesville, was the winner of the "outstanding G. I. of the year" award at Harding. This award was recently established by C. L. Ganus, president of the board of trustees and prominent New Orleans businessman.

As winner of this award, Stevens and his wife (formerly Letitia Longly, Ex-'32) received a one-week all-expense trip to New Orleans, La., with a suite in the Roosevelt Hotel. They met prominent state and civic dignitaries, including the governor of Louisiana and the mayor of New Orleans.

Selected on the basis of academic attainment, character, personality, and extra-curricular activity, Stevens was chosen by a faculty committee from the 250 veterans attending Harding College.

Stevens was president of the Alpha Honor Society, the honor award society at Harding which includes only those students with outstanding scholastic records. He was listed in the PETIT JEAN as the honor student among the men. He presided as toastmaster of the annual Alpha Honor Banquet attended by about 200 people at which A. Stanley Fordham, British consul at St. Louis, Mo., spoke.

His scholastic record this past year in pre-medical subjects was a straight "A" record and he was an "A" student through the entire college course. He is active in the intramural sports program, holding a fearsome reputation as a softball pitcher.

## News of Alumni

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Christopher, Ex-'25, now reside at 670 Via de la Paz Pacific, Palisades, California, where George is assistant chief to the Civil Aeronautics Association. They have one child, Laura Alice, 6.

Mrs. Russell W. Page (formerly Donnie Bird, Ex-'39) now resides at 3405 Telford St., Apt. 36, Cincinnati, Ohio, where she makes a home for her husband. "Hi, everybody!" is her greeting.

Mrs. Ariel Hinds (formerly Audrey Neal, Ex-'34) lives at Worthington, Indiana, where her husband is a farmer and earth moving contractor. They have two daughters, Peggy, 6, and Anna, 2. Audrey says, "Come see us."

Mrs. Margaret Jossierand (formerly Margaret Christopher, Ex from Harper College) is teaching in the Amarillo, Texas, high school. Shas a daughter, Jo Ann, 10.

Mrs. Jess J. Ross (formerly Ellen Spears, Ex-'39) is teaching home economics in the Lynn, Arkansas, high school. She has two children, Ellen, 6, and Jess Anita, 4. "I will never forget you and my year at Harding" is her statement to classmates.

Mrs. W. A. Shepherd (formerly Juanita Boyd, Ex-'28) is making a home for her husband and children at 100 Flood St., Montgomery, Alabama. She has two children, Helen Marie, 13, and Margaret Annette, 6. "I took piano under Fannie Marie Moody."

Mr. and Mrs. Douglass Harris (formerly Margaret Copeland), '40, reside at 2509 Gould St., Columbus, Ga., where Douglass is preaching for the Rose Hill church of Christ. They have three children, Douglass, Jr., 4, Richard LaNier, 3, and Margaret Lee, 2.

## and Ex-Students

Roy B. Harris, Ex-'26, 3201 N. W. 15th, Oklahoma City Okla., is haed pressman for the Times Journal Publishing Co. His son Roy, Jr., was a freshman at Harding this year. He has a daughter, Joyce, 25. "I have enjoyed printing the PETIT JEAN for the past 4 years and seeing the names of old friends occasionally in the ALUMNI NEWS."

D. C. Lawrence, '43, and his wife (formerly Eloise Reese, Ex-'43) are living in Dimmitt, Texas, where D. C. is preaching and is principal of the grade school. They have three children, Sie, 4, Danny, 1, and John, 3 months. D. C. says, "We have been here 3 1/2 years."

Everett Huffard, Ex-'44, is preaching for the Catalina church in Tucson, Arizona. His address is 2307 Sparkman Blvd.

James M. Benson, Ex-'37, is evangelist for the church in Tallassee, Alabama. James married Eloise McCaig and they have two children, Barbara Ann, 5, and James Mervin, Jr., 2. "Don't let those pleasant Harding memories fade!", says James.

Lois McGregor Massey (formerly Lois June McGregor, '31) is temporarily located at Cibecue, Ariz., where she is a teacher in the Indian Service. During the war she was an instructor in radio mechanics for the Army Air Forces. She has one daughter, Jackie Sue, 10. "Please write me a letter. Nearest church of Christ is 75 mountain miles away. Bro. W. K. Cunningham from Harding preaches there at Globe, Ariz. Their daughter, Carolyn, is spending this week in the mountains with us. The Wilhites formerly of Harper, Kansas, also worship at Globe. Enjoyed the spring, 1947, issue of Harding Reflector and Alumni News, especially the picture of Brother and Sister Rhodes."

Raymond R. Fulkerson, Ex-'39, is preaching at Flora, Ill. His address is 303 Lincoln Ave. He is married and has two sons, Raymond Gerald, 6; and Rondel Lee, 3. "I enjoyed the fellowship I had with you. Write me sometime, and come and visit me when you can."

Mrs. Eugene Perry (formerly Evelyn Huffard, Ex-'43) is instructor in the Abilene Christian College Demonstration School.

Sam Bell, '36, is sales representative for the DuPont Company and is located at 915 Gulf Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa. He has one son, Al Bell, 3.

## Contributions Since Spring Bulletin

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**"THE  
 SPY"**



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 Josephine Connell

Thelda Healy  
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## COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES

By Neil B. Cope, '34

The world will continue to be dangerous for all of us unless men, using the principles of Christ, make it into a brotherhood, Dr. J. P. Sanders, dean of David Lipscomb College, Nashville, Tenn., told graduates of Harding College at their commencement exercises held in the Searcy high school auditorium.

Sixty-nine college seniors were awarded degrees May 29 in the twenty-third annual commencement of the college, the largest class in the history of the school. There were 22 graduates of the academy department.

C. E. McGaughey, minister of the 14th Street church in Washington, D. C., delivered the baccalaureate on the preceding Sunday evening. He advised the graduates to keep the strong religious foundations of their lives and to build upon faith. This would bring lives of real satisfaction and accomplishment, he told the seniors and the capacity audience.

"Education, if any good, must relate you to your world," Dean Sanders said. "We must remember that there are two billion other people in the world, and that our rights stop where theirs begin. We must realize our obligations to make the world a real neighborhood."

Dean Sanders emphasized that man cannot be thrown into the category of "matter" as some scientists have tried to do. Man can understand himself properly, he said, when man comes into relationship with God.

Dr. George S. Benson, president of Harding, introduced Dr. Sanders. Awards were presented by Dr. L. C. Sears, dean of Harding, and remarks were made on behalf of the board of trustees by C. L. Ganus, president of the board.

Mr. Ganus, as president of the board of trustees, also responded briefly to a message brought from the Searcy Chamber of Commerce by Mr. Ewing Pyeatt, in presenting a group of 47 pledges of \$100 each.

### Alpha Honor Banquet

It is up to the United States and the British commonwealth to show that a way of life which emphasizes the utmost freedom of the individual can provide the greatest prosperity and best living, A. Stanley Fordham, British consul at St. Louis, told guests of the Alpha Honor Society at their annual banquet during commencement week.

Speaking on "The British Empire in the Postwar Era," Mr. Fordham, who has been in the foreign service of his country for 18 years, stressed the importance of the two countries working closely together in helping rebuild the world.

"We have a joint moral responsibility to see that our relations remain good," he said. "If we together cannot give an example of cooperation for peace, what can you expect of the rest of the world?"

Although he said Britain is "busy making new lords out of labor leaders,"

the speaker stated that Americans need not be apprehensive that the country shall move too far to the left.

This was the third public lecture sponsored at their annual banquet by the Harding honors group. Approximately 200 attended, including many Searcy residents.

Last year's speaker was Ben H. Henthorne, president of the Kansas City College of Commerce. In 1945 Gung Hsing Wang, Chinese consul at New Orleans, spoke.

### "The Spy" Presented

Harding College's Eta Omega cast of the national Alpha Psi Omega dramatic fraternity climaxed the year's theatre activities during commencement week by presenting "The Spy," a drama written by Mrs. J. N. Armstrong.

A capacity audience in Searcy High School Auditorium saw the production and received it with great acclaim. Students and townspeople were unanimous in nominating the play as one of the best ever presented locally.

## Alumni Commencement Activities

By Annie Mae Alston, '39

Unless you happen to be among Harding's alumni who are on the campus during the regular school year, you can't fully appreciate how very glad you make all of us feel when you come back. In fact, to us you are the most important part of Commencement week.

There are a few, it seems who deserve a badge of faithfulness for the interest they continually show in their frequent visits---the Wyatt Sawyers, the Bob Hawkins, the Sidney Ropers, the Jim Bill McInteers, the Tolbert Vaughans, the Louis Greens, the Ordis Copelands, Leonard Kirk, Bob and Bill Collins, Evan Ulrey, Lucien Bagnetto, and Winston Allen.

Other names appearing on the register were Leonard McReynolds, Gerald Fritts, K. L. Mason, Elizabeth King, Maude Jackson, L. E. Tandy, Tulon McRight, A. C. Moore, Ruth Langford, William Sanders, Mr. and Mrs. John Cannon, and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Don Wills.

Too many faces we hoped to see weren't here so for your benefit here are a few highlights of our week.

### Alumni Chapel

The alumni chapel on Wednesday morning was in charge of the class of 1927. Since no representatives of that class were here, Clifton Ganus, Jr., president of the association, served as master of ceremonies, introducing the following speakers who reported on the members of their classes: Virgil Lawyer, '46, read a report on the class of '27; O. P. Baird, '36, the class of '32; Joe Pryor, '37, the class of '37, and Louis Green, '42, (who with his efficient secretary, his wife, keeps well informed on the whereabouts of his class), the class of '42.

As a change from the informational to the inspirational, Mrs. Florence Jewell directed the alumni in the two numbers that seem to be favorites--"My God and I" and "O Lord, Our Lord."

### Alumni-Student Softball

Next on the agenda was the alumni-student softball game Wednesday afternoon which resulted in a decided victory for the students with a final score of 12-8. George Reagan pitched for the students and Cliff Ganus for the alumni. Please, won't more of you ball players return to redeem the standing of the alumni association in the world of sports?

Near the close of the meeting, J. D. Bales '37 paid a well-deserved tribute to Bro. B. F. Rhodes, his counsellor and the real friend of all alumni members.

And now to make you really wish you had been here. "Ma" Chandler surpassed even herself in the delicious banquet served Thursday noon to all alumni members and the senior class of '47. The flower arrangements looked good enough to eat, but we resisted in view of the ham we could see and the strawberry shortcake special that we knew was to follow.

In between bites we listened to the program that included selections by a mixed quartet composed of Leonard Kirk, Andy T. Ritchie, Mrs. Jewell and Mrs. Jess Rhodes; and a report on the organization of alumni chapters by Jim Bill McInteer.

Please begin making your plans to be here for Commencement week of 1948. You'll find that being a part of these meetings is much more enjoyable than reading articles such as this about them.



**BROTHER RHODES**—

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Brother Rhodes is survived by his wife, Mrs. Otie Sparkman Rhodes, whom he married in 1906; two sons, Willis, of Borger, Texas, and B. Frank, Jr., of Searcy; three daughters, Mrs. J. C. Kingsley, of Colorado Springs, Colo., Juanita, of Searcy, and six grandchildren. Intermment was made in the Oaklawn Cemetery, Searcy.

The spring issue of the Harding Reflector & Alumni News carried an article about Brother Rhodes, briefly relating some of the outstanding events in his life. He was 78 years old, having been born in Appanoose County, Iowa, on March 14, 1869. He had served Harding College since the institution was chartered in 1924, remaining active until he had the stroke.

The influence of Brother Rhodes is far-reaching. But few teachers, if any, have been better loved by their students, and his great Christian character is an encouragement to all who knew him. But few men, if any, in recent times have made the sacrifices Brother Rhodes made for Christian education.

Brother Rhodes loved God and believed His promises. He was continually a student of the Bible and was fearless in teaching the truth he found there. He loved young people and retained their viewpoint until the end. He took an interest in their activities and it was the request of the family that the commencement activities proceed as scheduled since they knew such would have been his desire.

The following statements were selected from the remarks made at the funeral:

"A Godly, and a righteous man, whose first aim was to please God."

"An untiring, natural born teacher."

"His wit was prodigious, but carried no sting."

"No man in Christian education was so highly prized as counsellor."

"Best historian in the brotherhood, who read voluminously and remembered what he read."

"He gave service from youth until death."

**RETIRES AS DEAN OF WOMEN**—

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music in the grade school. When Harding's outstanding dramatic group, the Campus Players, was organized in 1925 under J. N. Armstrong, Mrs. Cathcart was active. She suggested the name and was selected to write the constitution. Continuing her own education while teaching full-time, Mrs. Cathcart received the B. A. degree in education in 1932.

When Harding College was organized in 1924 by the consolidation of Harper College, Harper, Kansas, and Arkansas Christian College, Morrilton, Arkansas, Harding was without an alma mater. It was during this year that Mrs. Cathcart was inspired to write the "Alma Mater".

One morning as she stood on the porch of her nephew's home facing Petit Jean mountain, she listened to the sounds of a whippoorwill calling its mate echoing through the vale. The words of the "Alma Mater" came to her as if by inspiration, says Mrs. Cathcart, and she could hardly write them as fast as the thoughts came. L. O. Sanderson, musical director at that time, later wrote the music and the first public singing was at a homecoming.

The Searcy Garden Club claims Mrs. Cathcart as a member and she now serves this organization as reporter. At Harding, Mrs. Cathcart is a member of the Alpha Honor Society and the Eta Omega cast of Alpha Psi Omega.

Twenty-three years of devoted service to Harding has been given by Mrs. Cathcart and she continues to serve.

**Harding A La 1946-47**

A group of Harding students studying the Japanese language with the aid of linguaphone records in preparation for mission work in Japan. Carl Spain, assistant professor in Bible, assists the group.

Postponing the opening of school for two weeks, in order to complete necessary housing facilities, Harding College opened her portals on September 30th to more than 800 students. Classrooms and laboratories were crowded to more than capacity. In general biology, 210 students were enrolled; in general chemistry, 120 students.

In order to accommodate each student in a daily chapel exercise, it was necessary to have two chapels. Worship on Sunday was arranged by providing folding chairs for the gymnasium. Every effort was made to cultivate in each student the spirit of Christ and the results were very encouraging.

**North Central Studies**

Numerous studies were begun relative to Harding's gaining admission into the North Central Association of Colleges and the preparation toward this goal is being pushed. Station WHBQ in Memphis, Tenn., was purchased and Searcy citizens have pledged \$47,000 in the form of 47

annual \$100 contributions for ten years.

Five buildings donated by the government out of surplus property are nearing completion. These include two dormitories for men, a central heating plant, an infirmary, and an annex to the administration. Plans are developing for the construction of a new library building with modern facilities, and auditorium, an industrial arts building, a student center, and a gymnasium.

Jardine McKerlie, an outstanding engineer from Toronto, Canada, will head the industrial arts department and the building program.

**Religious Activities**

An outstanding feature of the school year was the Thanksgiving lectures on "Worshipping the Creator in Song". A song leaders clinic was conducted each afternoon.

Under the direction of Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., the personal evangelism class was very active. Members of that class have already conducted a



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campaign in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, and are now working at Erie, Penn. A third campaign will be conducted in Ft. Wayne, Ind., during the month of August..

Unusual interest in carrying the gospel to foreign countries was shown this year. Most of the year a large group of students met weekly with Dr. Robert Brown, M. D., to study the African field. Two couples plan to sail this fall with Dr. and Mrs. Brown. During the spring term a large group of students met daily to study the Japanese language and four couples plan to sail this fall. In the winter Alvin Hobby taught a class dealing with the work in Africa.

#### Fine Arts

Various student organizations were very active. The debaters were under the direction of Emmett Smith. In the Arkansas State Speech Tournament Bill Harris and Guthrie Dean tied for first place as the outstanding senior men debaters. Although lacking a teacher in dramatics, the Campus Players under the leadership of Therman Healy produced two three-act lyceums--"Night of January 16" and "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court"--and a number of one-act plays. "The Spy" was presented by the Eta Omega cast of Alpha Omega as the final lyceum during commencement. Alumni were given complimentary tickets.

Clarence R. Haflinger directed the music department through an outstanding year. Several recitals were given including prominent visiting musicians. Approximately 250 people were in the large chorus. A select group composed the small chorus and went to the national music festival in Detroit, Mich., and to several places closer to Searcy. Andy T. Ritchie, Jr., directed the choral groups and Mrs. Florence Jewell directed the smaller ensemble groups.

One of the most beautiful events

of the year was the crowning of the May Queen--Wray Bullington (now Mrs. Bill Smith). Mary Belle Garner (now Mrs. Bob Helsten) and Geraldine Young were attendants. Lou Dugger (now Mrs. Virgil Lawyer) was crowned Petit Jean Queen. Thelda Healy and Janet Rea were attendants. Doris Johnson and Therman Healy were selected favorites; Lois Hemingway and Joe Cannon, best all 'round; Alpha Lee Turman and Clark Stevens, honor students.

Many other activities aided in making this one of the outstanding years in the history of Harding College. The intra-mural athletic program directed by M. E. Berryhill deserves mention.

A hearty welcome is extended all alumni to return for a visit. Start now making plans to be at Harding Thanksgiving!

### Alumni Executive Council

The Alumni Executive Council was provided for in the revised constitution of the Harding College Alumni Association and was put into effect at the annual business meeting of the association at the 1944 commencement when the new constitution was adopted.

This spring elections were held in district I, III and V--the eastern half. Council members are elected for two years.

The council is now composed of:  
Granville Tyler, '37, Russellville, Ala.--District I

D. C. Lawrence, '43, Dimmett, Texas--District II

Woodrow Whitten, '37, Los Angeles, California--District III

Louis E. Green, '42, Whiting, Indiana--District IV

Frank Rhodes, '35, Searcy--District V, Eastern Half

Charles J. Merryman, Ex-'31, Little Rock--District V, Western Half.

## Hymns Recorded For Radio

Churches desiring recorded hymns suitable for radio programs may be interested to know that one such record is now available at Harding. This record is a transcription of the Harding College chorus, 1946-47, under the direction of Andy T. Ritchie, Jr. Vinylite pressings have been made and several programs are now using this transcription.

One side contains the following songs: "All Things Praise Thee", "O, Praise the Lord", "Abide With Me", "I Am Thine, O Lord", "He Leadeth Me", and "On Zion's Glorious Summit". The other side has "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind", "Holy, Holy, Holy!", "What a Friend We Have in Jesus", "Rock of Ages", and "Have Thine Own Way".

These records are for sale at seven dollars each. A smaller theme record is available for five dollars each. This record contains four cuttings on each side of "How Precious

Is the Book Divine". The chorus hums the song once and then sings one verse. Communicate with Andy T. Ritchie, Jr.

Making available recorded hymns for radio programs is a service Harding is trying to render. Other recordings will be made in the future if there is a need for more records.

When the chorus was in Chicago, Ill., on its way to the National Music Festival in Detroit, Mich., two records were cut which can be played on any standard record player. The songs transcribed were "O Lord, We Have No Other Help", "My God and I", and "Lo A Voice", and "The Lord Bless You And Keep You". These records are still at the manufacturers being processed. The exact cost of each record is not known but this information will be given in the fall bulletin. However, the cost per record should be less than one dollar due to the large number of records ordered.

#### INFORMATION, PLEASE?

In the Next issue of the bulletin we plan to carry as many personal interest items about alumni and ex-students as possible. We know that you have lost contact with many of your schoolmates and classmates and that you would like to know what they are now doing. No doubt they have lost track of you. So, please fill in the blanks below and supply us with this information. We shall not be stingy with it. Our motto is, "Pass it on". Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Married? \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Present Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Children (name and age) \_\_\_\_\_

Years at Harding \_\_\_\_\_ Did you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Statement for classmates \_\_\_\_\_

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## IMPORTANT

*If the address below is not correct or will soon be changed, please drop a card to Alumni Association, Harding College, Searcy, Arkansas, giving the correct information. Or, if you know an alumnus or an ex-student with whom we have lost contact, please send us the correct address of such a one. We want to keep in touch with all, but we need your help.*

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